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The principal objective of the pilot test was to determine the feasibility of soil vapour extraction (SVE), air sparging (AS) and their combination as a method of soil contamination clean up, and also to gather site-specific design data. Data and information collected during the test were used to:

- 1) determine the Radii of Influence (ROI) of the AS and SVE wells (to indicate the optimum spacing of injection and extraction wells for AS and SVE respectively)
- 2) determine the air injection and extraction flow rates for AS and SVE respectively
- 3) estimate the duration of clean-up operations, and evaluate the relative contribution from volatilisation vs. biodegradation modes
- 4) evaluate other design parameters such as groundwater extraction rate and gas emission treatment
- 5) make provisions to prepare for potential upset of the system

The scope of the pilot test comprised basically four different types of tests:

- 1) short-term and long-term soil vapour extraction (SVE) test
- 2) short-term air sparging (AS) test
- 3) short-term tracer (helium) test
- 4) long-term combined SVE/AS test

SVE testing was conducted at four locations (VT1 to VT4) (Figure 2.1) across the airport apron; and AS, tracer (helium), and combined SVE/AS testings were conducted at VT3 and VT4 only.

